UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
PACIFIC OCS REGION
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED
DATE: 13-JUN-2007 TIME: 0036 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Venoco, Inc.
REPRESENTATIVE:
TELEPHONE:
CONTRACTOR:
REPRESENTATIVE:
TELEPHONE:

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

4. LEASE: P00205
AREA: LA LATITUDE:
BLOCK: 6912 LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: GAIL RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:
   □ EXPLORATION (POE)
   X DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (DPC/DPO)

7. TYPE:
   □ HISTORIC INJURY
   □ REQUIRED EVACUATION
   □ LTA (1-3 days)
   □ LTA (>3 days)
   □ RW/JT (1-3 days)
   □ RW/JT (>3 days)
   □ Other Injury
   □ FATALITY
   □ POLLUTION
   □ FIRE
   □ EXPLOSION
   LWC □ HISTORIC BLOWOUT
   UNDERGROUND
   SURFACE
   DEVERTER
   □ SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES
   □ COLLISION □ HISTORIC □ >$25k □ <=$25k

8. CAUSE:
   □ EQUIPMENT FAILURE
   □ HUMAN ERROR
   □ EXTERNAL DAMAGE
   □ SLIP/TRIP/FALL
   □ WEATHER RELATED
   □ LEAK
   □ UPSET H2O TREATING
   □ OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
   □ OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: 739 FT.
10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 10 MI.
11. WIND DIRECTION:
   SPEED: M.P.H.
12. CURRENT DIRECTION:
   SPEED: M.P.H.
13. SEA STATE: FT.
14. PICTURES TAKEN: YES
15. STATEMENT TAKEN: NO
17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

Well E-6rd was routed to Well Clean-Up Separator (V-33). V-33 LAL/LSL failed to shut LCV that goes to T-Tank #1 (Slop Tank), with a 30" wc PSV. Gas blow-by occurred to T-Tank #1. T-Tank PSV operation indicated relief to the LP Flare System, but an H2S detector by the wellbay sample drain pot indicated H2S gas was also vented past the T-Tank P-trap into the Wellbay via the drain system.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

The probable cause(s) of this accident are the failure of the V-33 LCV controller, LAL, & LSL to close the LCV.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

A contributing cause was heavy polymer deposits (from well maintenance) on LAL/LSL float arms in V-33.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

Policy to keep drain pot valve closed.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

N/A

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION: 29-JUN-2007

28. ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION:

MINOR

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
27. OPERATOR REPORT ON FILE: NO

APPROVED
DATE: 23-JUN-2007